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## MESSAGE

Applicants respectfully submit the attached confirmation in response to the Notice of Hearing dated July 30, 2010, which sets the oral hearing in this appeal for September 16, 2010 at 1:00pm. This confirmation is due on August 20, 2010, and thus, is timely filed.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Applicants' representative at the above listed number.

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